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**MEETING SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS**  
**September 26, 2018**  
**Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board Meeting**  
**1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento**

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**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Vice Chair Dolly Sandoval.

**Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Introductions**

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

***Board Members Present:***

Dolly Sandoval, Karen Mitchoff, Don Nottoli, John Vasquez, Jim Provenza, Sandi Matsumoto, Todd Ferrara, Karen Finn, Leo Winternitz

***Ex Officio Members Present:***

Charles Duloc and Marc Engstrom for Assemblymember Jim Frazier, Leslie Spahn for Senator Bill Dodd

***Liaison Advisors Present:***

Sandra O’Roak, Steve Chappell, Eric Vink

The Executive Officer Campbell Ingram introduced Aleesah Herup; the Conservancy’s new Contracts and Communications Analyst. He also bid farewell to alternate Board Member Todd Ferrara who has represented the California Natural Resources Agency on behalf of Agency Secretary John Laird since the Board was established.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Item 4 – Board Elections**

The Executive Officer opened nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair. Both Chair Katherine Miller and Vice Chair Dolly Sandoval accepted nominations to serve another term.

**MOTION:** *Board Member Provenza, with a second from Board Member Mitchoff, to nominate Chair Miller and Vice Chair Sandoval to a second term serving the 2018-2019 year.*

*No other nominations were made.*

*A roll call vote was taken with Board Members present voting to approve the nomination.*

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Consent Calendar**

**MOTION:** *Board Member Ferrara moved with a second from Board Member Winternitz, to approve the summary of the July 30, 2018 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items and to approve the Amendment to the Lower Marsh Creek and Sand Creek Watershed Riparian Restoration Planning project.*

*A voice vote was taken by the Board to approve the motion. The motion passed. (Board Member Matsumoto abstained).*

#### **Agenda Item 6 – The Executive Officer's Report**

The Executive Officer provided a brief overview of:

- Posters presented at the Bay-Delta Science Conference in September.
- Outreach for Delta Watershed Protection Week, newly established by the Legislature for the second week in September annually.
- Legislation enacted, including AB2470 which establishes the Invasive Species Council of California; and AB 2441 which addresses abandoned commercial vessels in the Delta. Charles Dulac provided additional detail on AB 2441.
- Central Delta Corridor Planning Partnership Charrette held August 8-9, 2018. A public workshop is planned for November 13, 2018. Conservancy staff anticipates presenting a draft strategy to the Board for consideration in January, 2019.
- EcoAtlas project tracking system.
- Outreach-Delta Meeting Matrix.
- Executive Officer's participation in a Global Transformations Forum convening in Bellagio Italy to provide the California Delta perspective to efforts to connect local and global climate change adaptation and transformation strategies, through many levels of governance, to plan and adapt to an uncertain future. Costs associated with the trip were covered by the sponsoring organization, the Rockefeller Foundation.

Deputy Executive Officer Debra Kustic presented the Expenditure Report.

Campbell Ingram presented two letters, each withdrawing a separate Proposition 1 grant project. Both projects were easement acquisitions; due to complications with the negotiations with the willing sellers, neither project could utilize the Conservancy's funding. The associated funding (\$4.8 million) will be available for future grant cycles. See additional detail in the summary of Agenda Item 8 below.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Program and Policy Subcommittee Update**

Debra Kustic provided the Program and Policy Subcommittee update. The Subcommittee met on August 15, 2018 and discussed efforts to engage agriculture stakeholders and the potential benefits of establishing a foundation to help implement Delta priorities, considerations related to Conservancy land ownership, and the structure and function of the subcommittee itself.

The Subcommittee will continue to explore these issues and anticipates providing recommendations to the Board at future meetings. Additional detail is provided in the Program and Policy Subcommittee Meeting Summary Report (Item 7 on the agenda for the September 26, 2018 Board meeting).

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Proposition 1 Grant Program Update**

Proposition 1 Grant Program manager Laura Jensen provided an overview of the grant concept proposal review process and noted that the full grant proposal period will open in mid-October, 2018 and staff will present recommendations to the Board at the May, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Jensen responded to questions regarding the Paradise Cut and the Nutria Eradication projects. Both are large, multi-faceted projects for which the Conservancy has provided partial funding through previously awarded grants (one for the Nutria eradication and two for Paradise Cut – one which is active and one that has been withdrawn by the grantee). The Conservancy received Cycle 4 concept proposals to fund additional work on each project. Ms. Jensen explained the relationships between the previously awarded grants and the currently proposed projects.

#### **Agenda Item 9 – Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) Update**

Campbell Ingram presented the update on the Council on behalf of Jessica Law who was unable to attend. The Council met on September 27, 2018 and discussed amendments to Chapter 4, the Ecosystem Restoration component of the Delta Plan. The Council anticipates providing a draft of the amendments by their November meeting. Public review and workshops will be held prior to initiating the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

#### **Agenda Item 10 – California WaterFix and Eco Restore Updates**

Patricia Clark provided a handout summarizing an economics analysis of WaterFix and discussed public outreach efforts. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is offering briefings to county supervisors to provide updates and answer questions on Water Fix and its potential impacts on their jurisdictions. Russ Stein presented information related DWR's analysis of benefits to urban and agricultural areas and overall water quality. Mr. Stein provided an update of the status of the CEQA process, including opportunities for public involvement, and discussed the relationship between WaterFix and the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Board Member Mitchoff noted that Contra Costa County does not accept the benefit-cost analysis.

Mike Roberts presented an update on EcoRestore. Five projects, representing 1,600 acres of habitat, have broken ground this year which doubles the Delta restoration by DWR in the last 10 years. Dutch slough will break ground October 17. Mr. Roberts highlighted the Delta Salmon Resiliency Strategy, including the second year of the North Delta Pulse Flows, the new operation of salinity gates at Suisun Marsh, and the installation of the West Gate drain at the

end of the Roaring River in the Suisun Marsh. Mr. Roberts noted that the programmatic benefits of EcoRestore include streamlining of permitting processes, simplifying land acquisition contracting by the state, and securing long-term funding.

**Agenda Item 11 – Delta Protection Commission (Commission)**

Eric Vink provided a summary of the last Commission meeting, including discussion on Frank's Tract, and the process the DSC will take during the WaterFix public hearings. Mr. Vink thanked Campbell Ingram for making a presentation to the Commission on the Central Delta Corridor Partnership.

**Agenda Item 12 –Potential Agenda Items for the September Board Meeting**

Tentative agenda items for the November 28, 2018 Board meeting:

- Detailed presentation of the Nutria Project.
- Bayland Goals Implementation update from the Coastal Conservancy.
- Updates on Proposition 1, 68, and 3.
- Closed session for Executive Officer evaluation.  
Update from Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways regarding spraying invasive aquatic vegetation and the impacts thereof.

**Agenda Item 13 – Public Comments**

None.

**BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF**

None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED by Vice Chair Dolly Sandoval at 10:47 a.m.**

*Respectfully submitted on November 14, 2018*

Prepared by Sarah Ward, Acting Board Liaison

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